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ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER

An Order Establishing Alternative Standards for Motor Fuel Conveyed for Consumption in Maine.

WHEREAS, Maine Title 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE, Part 6: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES Chapter 501: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW, Subchapter 7-A: SALE OF COMMODITIES §2631. Conformity to national engine fuels and automotive lubricants regulations establishes alternative standards from requirements of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) for vapor pressure in gasoline-ethanol blended motor fuel conveyed in the state;

WHEREAS, the alternative standards created by this rule shall sunset on the first occurring date of: May 1, 2016, or upon ASTM incorporation of changes or confirmation of current limits for vapor pressure maximums for ethanol blended fuel;

WHEREAS, ASTM has not determined whether it will incorporate changes or confirm limits for vapor pressure maximums of ethanol blended fuel prior to May 1, 2016;

WHEREAS, Maine Title 10: COMMERCE AND TRADE, Part 6: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES Chapter 501: WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW, Subchapter 3: STATE SEALER, §2402. Powers and duties authorizes the commissioner of Agriculture, conservation and Forestry to establish alternative standards for fuel from ASTM requirements, provided that the alternative standards are necessary for the protection and promotion of public health, safety, welfare, and interests of the Maine citizenry; and,

WHEREAS, in the absence of limits incorporated or confirmed by ASTM for ethanol blended fuel, alternative standards established by the Department serve to protect the public health, safety, welfare, and interests of the Maine citizenry;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Walter E. Whitcomb, Commissioner of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct that, beginning May 1, 2016, and until May 1, 2017:

1. Maine grants a waiver to allow the 1-psi variance to maximum vapor pressure established in ASTM D4814 for Class A, B, C, D ethanol blended fuels and .5-psi for Class E ethanol blended fuels between the dates of September 1, 2016 thru May 1, 2017; and

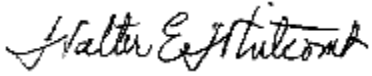
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2. After the date of this Order and prior to May 1, 2017, this Order shall be voided by any of the following: ASTM incorporation of changes or confirmation of current limits for vapor pressure maximums for ethanol blended fuel; or by promulgation of permanent rules by the department for alternative standards regarding vapor pressure maximums for ethanol blended fuel.

IT IS SO ORDERED, this 7th day of March 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter E. Whitcomb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter E. Whitcomb
Commissioner